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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director, Satellite Operations  
Center, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Report to President's Foreign Intelligence  
Advisory Board (PFIAB), July 1 through  
December 31, 1970

The attached IDEALIST information is forwarded for the semi-  
annual update of your report to the PFIAB.

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Brigadier General, USAF  
Director of Special Activities

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IDEALIST:

1. The IDEALIST Detachment at Edwards Air Force Base, California, deployed a task force to [REDACTED] during the period August 8 through December 14, 1970. This operation, known as [REDACTED] was successfully conducted in support of the

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a. August 8, 1970: Two U-2s deployed from Edwards AFB, California, to [REDACTED]

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b. August 9, 1970: One U-2 deployed from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and conducted photographic and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] en route.

c. August 10, 1970: The second U-2 deployed from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Coverage of the [REDACTED] area while en route was planned but was cancelled at direction of higher authority.

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A stand-down was directed which terminated operational area missions with the mission on November 10.

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e. During the operation it was necessary to return one of the aircraft (Number 055) to Edwards AFB for phase maintenance and at the same time maintain a two aircraft operational capability. A swap was effected as follows:

September 21, 1970: One U-2 (Number 053) deployed from Edwards AFB to

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September 22, 1970: Aircraft 053 continued on from

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October 7, 1970: Aircraft 055 began return to Edwards AFB for phase maintenance by initial deployment to

October 8, 1970: Aircraft 055 deployed from to Edwards.

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f. December 13, 1970: Two U-2s deployed from

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g. December 14, 1970: Two U-2s deployed from to Edwards AFB. This terminated the operation.

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2. IDEALIST/TACKLE missions continued to operate in accordance with the 40 Committee restriction that there would be no approach closer than 20 nautical miles to the Chinese mainland. All eight of the IDEALIST/TACKLE missions flown during this period were successful:

a. July 24, 1970: Photographic [ ] mission from east of Quemoy Island to northeast of Liu Chaio.

b. July 29, 1970: Photographic [ ] mission from west of Hainan Island to south of Hong Kong.

c. August 18, 1970: Photographic [ ] mission from south of Shanghai to west of Hong Kong.

d. October 6, 1970: Photographic [ ] mission from east of the Shantung Peninsula to east of Shanghai.

e. October 21, 1970: Photographic [ ] mission from east of Port Arthur to south of the Shantung Peninsula.

f. November 5, 1970: Photographic [ ] mission from west of Hainan Island to east of Chinmen Island.

g. November 23, 1970: Photographic [ ] mission from northeast of Port Arthur to south of the Shantung Peninsula.

h. December 14, 1970: Photographic [ ] mission from south of the Shantung Peninsula to south of Wei-Ling.

3. On November 24, 1970, an IDEALIST/TACKLE U-2R crashed at [ ] during landing on return from a routine training mission. The [ ] was fatally injured; the aircraft was destroyed. Investigation determined the cause of the accident to be pilot error.

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